

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION

CLEO CARTER and NIKKI CARTER,
Individually and as best friend of their minor
child, B.M.C.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 14-2241

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
KASANDRA BERRY, and CLANCY
PATTERSON,

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO RECUSE ORDER
GRANTING APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Before the Court is the *pro se* motion of the Plaintiffs, Cleo and Niki Carter (collectively, the "Carters"), to "recuse [the] order granting unopposed appointment of guardian ad litem." (Docket Entry ("D.E.") 112.) For the reasons articulated herein, the relief sought is DENIED.

Under the local rules of this district,

[a] party represented by counsel who has appeared in a case may not act on his or her own behalf unless that party's attorney has obtained leave of the Court to withdraw as counsel of record, provided that the Court may, in its discretion, hear a party in open Court, notwithstanding the fact that the party is currently represented by counsel of record.

LR 83.4(f), Local Rules of the U.S. Dist. Ct. for the W. Dist. of Tenn. (the "Local Rules"). The complaint's caption states that the Carters as the plaintiffs in this lawsuit, and the signature block identifies Paul Forrest Craig and Daniel Lofton as the "Attorney[s] for Plaintiffs." (D.E. 1 at 1, 13.) According to the docket, neither Craig nor Lofton have filed motions to withdraw in this matter. As a consequence, the motion, which appears to have been prepared and filed without the

aid of or adoption by the Carters' attorneys, violates the Local Rule. It is therefore STRICKEN from the record. The Clerk is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this order to the Carters.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of August 2015.

s/ J. DANIEL BREEN
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ The Carters did not provide their address when signing their motion, but it is identified at page 1 of D.E. 113-1.